



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington DC 20420

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FOIA#: 19-10511-F

Dear Mr. Craven,

This letter acknowledges receipt of your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received in our office on August 22, 2019, in which you requested the following:

- All semi-annual reporting by the Debt Management Center (DMC) for both student and school debt data and other analysis and monitoring of school and student debts between January 1, 2015 and present day. Please include all raw data, ideally in spreadsheet form.

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Education Service (EDU), conducted a thorough information systems search to answer your inquiry, using the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Debt Management Center (DMC) data from U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Please refer to the spreadsheet attached to this email for the data you requested.

This concludes VBA's response to your FOIA request. Your request was processed by the undersigned. You may appeal the determination made in this response to:

General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420

If you should choose to make an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the date of the adverse determination. It must clearly identify the determination being appealed and must include the assigned request number. The appeal should include:

1. The name of the FOIA Officer.
2. The address of the component.
3. The date of the component's determination.
4. The precise subject matter of the appeal.

If you choose to appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response, if any. The appeal should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

In addition to filing an appeal with the Office of General Counsel regarding VBA EDU's determination, you may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services regarding your FOIA request from VA's FOIA Public Liaison and or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VA FOIA Public Liaison:

Email Address: vacofoiiaservice@va.gov

Phone Number: 1-877-750-3642

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

Email: ogis@nara.gov

Fax: (202) 741-5769

Mailing address: Office of Government Information Services

National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road

College Park, MD 20740-6001

Sincerely,

/s/

Cheryl A. Amitay
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Veterans Benefits Administration

Attachment